

What's Happening?

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YOUR NEW MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Last month, the City welcomed a new Mayor and City Council. Mayor Helene Schneider and new Councilmembers Bendy White, Frank Hotchkiss, and Michael Self, and re-elected Councilmember Grant House took the official Oath of Office on January 12th at a ceremony at City Hall. The Council appointed Bendy White (Chair), Grant House, and Frank Hotchkiss to serve on the Ordinance Committee. Das Williams (Chair), Dale Francisco, and Michael Self were appointed to the Finance Committee. Council appointed Grant House as the Mayor Pro Tempore.

City Council meetings are held every Tuesday at 2 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers at 735 Anacapa Street. Meetings are also broadcast live on City TV Channel 18. Live streaming video of City Council meetings can be viewed at: www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov.



From left to right: Councilmembers Dale Francisco, Bendy White, Grant House, Mayor Helene Schneider, Councilmembers Das Williams, Michael Self, and Frank Hotchkiss



2010 U.S. CENSUS: WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

IT'S IN OUR HANDS

The U.S. Census Bureau counts every resident in the United States, and is required by the Constitution to conduct a census every ten years. The 2010 Census will help communities receive more than \$400 billion in federal funds each year to support hospitals, schools, highway and road projects, and emergency services. The data that is collected also helps determine the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Next month, you'll receive a 2010 census form in the mail. On this form, there will be ten short questions that must be answered and mailed back using the pre-paid postage envelope. Census Takers may visit the homes of residents who fail to return the form. Any personal data that you provide on this form will remain private and is protected under federal law. For more information about the 2010 U.S. Census, visit: www.countyofsb.org/2010Census.



HEATING YOUR HOME SAFELY

Now is the time of year you may be using heaters or fireplaces to stay warm inside your home. During this winter season, the Fire Department would like to remind you about proper and safe ways to heat your home. In case of a fire emergency, you should keep a multi-purpose, dry-chemical fire extinguisher near your fireplace, stove, or other heating device. These heating devices should only be used if properly vented to the outside. Space heaters should not be placed within three feet of drapes, furniture, or any material that may catch on fire, and should never be left unattended or covered. Space heater cords should never be placed under carpets or rugs. You should never use generators, grills, or camp stoves indoors. For more information, visit: www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/OES

IT'S PARTY TIME AT...



If you are looking for a fun spot to throw your son or daughter's birthday party, there's a perfect party venue at 1235 Chapala Street. The Twelve35 Teen Center is a spacious and kid-friendly venue and includes a pool table, foosball, video games, and snack bar. The City is offering a special discount for reservations that are completed before Friday, April 30th. Parents who complete their reservations before this date can book the venue for three hours for the price of two hours, for up to 40 guests.

If you are interested in throwing your child's next party at Twelve35, you can check out the venue on weekdays after 3 p.m. Make your reservation by calling 897-2589.

THINKING OF MAKING YOUR LANDSCAPING MORE WATER-WISE?

Get A Rebate of Up to 50%
of the Material Costs of Approved Irrigation Equipment, Water-Wise Plants and Mulch, and Smart Irrigation Controllers.

Any combination of irrigation equipment and planting costs may **qualify for a one-time, maximum rebate of \$1,000!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Water
to download application
or call 564-5460

D.A.R.E. PROGRAM A SUCCESS



On January 13th, 350 local students gathered at the Arlington Theatre to celebrate their graduation from Drug Abuse Resistance Education, better known as D.A.R.E. These students were successful in completing 17 weeks of lessons, including drugs and alcohol education, decision-making skills, resisting peer pressure, and alternatives to drug use. During this program, students engaged in role playing, group discussions, and a healthy exchange of ideas. Officer Anita Chamberlain serves as the instructor of the program and her presence in local classrooms often results in a special bond and trust between officers and students. D.A.R.E. has proven to be an effective tool in teaching students about real-life issues and topics that may not otherwise be covered in regular school curriculum. Congratulations, D.A.R.E. graduates!



NEW TERMINAL PUBLIC ART PROGRAM

Airports are one of the gateways to a community. Along with the building's architecture, public art enriches the visitors' experience and reflects the history and culture of the region. A Public Art Program will be launched with the opening of the new Airline Terminal Complex in early 2011. The Program has four components:

- **Existing Art:** Good Time Clock by George Rhodes and Albatross by Dustin Shuler courtesy of the Bermant Foundation.
- **Commissioned Art:** Various pieces sponsored by the Airport, Santa Barbara Beautiful and the Pierre Claeysens Museum.
- **Long Term Loan:** Fiesta mural by Channing Peake, on loan from the Santa Barbara County Arts Commission; and a Courthouse Lantern on loan from the Santa Barbara Courthouse Legacy Foundation.
- **Regional Art:** Various media will be displayed on a rotation basis each year.

Additionally, art will be incorporated into the structure of the new Airline Terminal building. A request for proposals from local artists was released last year for the stenciling of wood beams, wrought iron embellishments for railings, and a floor medallion for the north entrance rotunda. More information at www.flysba.com.

"LEED"ING THE WAY



When it comes to green building practices, the City is leading the way. Green building practices increase building efficiency and reduce consumption of energy, water, and materials, reducing impacts on human health and the environment. The City is pleased to announce that the Public Works/Community Development building at 630 Garden Street has received Leadership for Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification. The City received LEED Platinum certification, which is the highest possible award. LEED is a nationally recognized certification program that verifies that a building meets the highest green building and performance measures. To obtain this award, the City made significant efforts such as reducing energy, water, and waste through building retrofits and employee participation, resulting in cost savings. The City also implemented a Green Purchasing Policy, a Waste Management Policy, and a Green Cleaning Policy for this building. The City is celebrating the LEED Certification of 630 Garden Street at an event to be held on Wednesday, February 17th at 11 a.m.

Save Money, Save Water, And Get a Rebate!

- **REBATES AVAILABLE** on high-efficiency toilets & clothes washers, smart irrigation controllers, water-wise landscaping and more
- **RECEIVE A FREE WATER CHECK-UP** for your home or business
- **TAKE THE 20 GALLON CHALLENGE**

For More Information:
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